

REMARKS

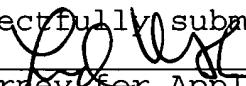
Entry of the foregoing amendments and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

The application contains claims 1-9 of which claims 4-8 are in multiple dependent form and claim 6 is in improper multiple dependent form as a multiple dependent claim dependent on a prior multiple dependent claim.

Claims 4-8 have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependencies, thereby avoiding the multiple dependent claim fee, and new claims 10-15 have been added. New claims 10-15 correspond to the eliminated multiple dependencies of claims 4-8.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments and that the application is in condition for allowance.

An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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